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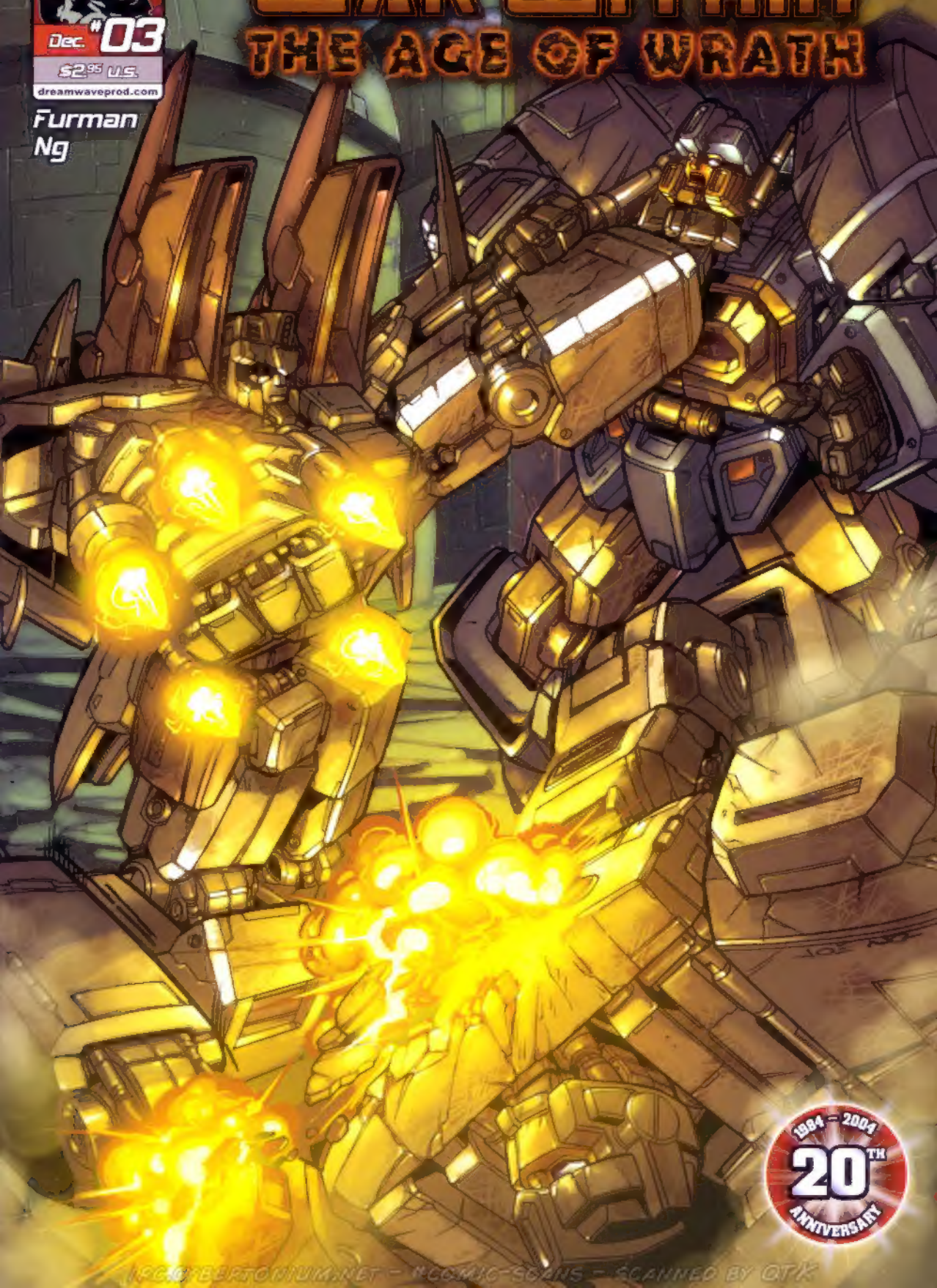
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The malevolent Megatron is back from the dead and in total control of civil war-era Cybertron, his rule enforced by a massed army of clone troopers, the dreaded Aerospace Extermination Squadron. The Autobots are all either enslaved, forced to work on an excavation that reaches to the very core of Cybertron or, like Dynobot commander Grimlock, dead. All, that is, except for a small, determined force led by Blaster and Perceptor...

"AND I THOUGHT...
THAT'S IT...I'VE DATA-PLUGGED
MY LAST REPORT!"

"THIS IS
SLAMDANCE, LIVE FROM
IACON'S CHAMBER OF THE
ANCIENTS...SIGNING OFF!"

THE AGE OF WRATH™

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AMAZINGLY
THOUGH, MY FINAL
BYLINE WAS STILL
A KEYPAD OR TWO
AWAY.



DESPITE ALL THE
FIRE AND FURY, *STARSCREAM*
WANTED ME *ALIVE*...AND ABLE
TO TELL THE TALE OF HOW HE
CAME, SAW AND BUTCHERED THE
ENTIRE HIGH COUNCIL!

OF COURSE,
MEGATRON'S SUBSEQUENT
RETURN MEANT THINGS DIDN'T
QUITE TURN OUT HOW OL' *SCREAMER*
HAD ENVISAGED! AND ANYWAY, THAT
LAST LITTLE FLURRY OF FIREPOWER
LEFT ME WITH NOWHERE TO GO...




"...BUT
DOWN!"

"I FELT
FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE
BREEMS, BRACED FOR
A CRUSHING IMPACT..."



"...THAT NEVER
CAME."


"SUSPENDED IN
THESE ANCIENT CAVERNS,
ALMOST EIGHT SUB-CYCLES
AGO NOW, I WONDERED--WAS
THIS WHAT THE 'ANCIENTS'
DESCRIBED AS...THE
SOURCE?"



A SENTIENT
MAINFRAME, THE COLLECTIVE
CONSCIOUSNESS--IT'S SAID--
OF CYBERTRON ITSELF.


I WAS, I REALISED, IN
THE PRESENCE OF GHOSTS, UP
CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH OUR
PLANET'S GHROUDED, MURKY PAST.
HERE LAY MYSTERIES THAT REACHED
BACK BEFORE THE DAWN OF
RECORDED TIME AND--

AHEM!



PERHAPS, SLAMDANCE, INSTEAD
OF RECOUNTING--FOR THE QUOTE
TIME--YOUR ADMITTEDLY FORTUITOUS
DISCOVERY OF A MUCH-NEEDED BOLT-HOLE
IN TROUBLED TIMES, YOUR VERBOSITY
WOULD BE BETTER SERVED VOICE-CODING
THE MARKER BUOYS FOR THE DESCENT.

UM, I--
YES, RIGHT AWAY.
HEH...



FLASH, BOSS,
SCORCH, HURRICANE--
YOU WERE DUE IN THE
THINK-TANK TEN NGG
AGO.

MORE
THEORETICAL COUNTER-
STRATEGY, LUCKY US!

WHEN ARE WE
GOING TO SEE SOME
ACTION, PERCEPTOR?
I'M TIRED OF ALL
THIS STANDING STILL.



ACTION. YES, WE'LL
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU
WISH FOR, FLASH...

REMEMBER, WE
ARE FEW, AND MEGATRON'S
**AEROSPACE EXTERMINATION
SQUADRON** IS LEGION. ONLY A
CAREFULLY STAGED, INTRICATELY
PLANNED STRIKE IS AN OPTION.
ONE FALSE STEP. ONE
RASH PLOY...

I UNDERSTAND
ALL THAT...

...MAY BURY US...
PERMANENTLY
THIS TIME.



...I JUST THINK WE'D
BE BETTER DEPLOYED **ELSEWHERE**,
OUT IN THE FIELD, DOING SOMETHING
PROACTIVE...INSTEAD OF, Y'KNOW,
FETCHING AND CARRYING FOR YOU.

PROACTIVE. MM.
AND WHAT, PRAY TELL,
FLASH, COULD BE
MORE **PROACTIVE**...



foldspace x32
searching for Correlation

...THAN
FINDING **OPTIMUS
PRIME?**



CURIOUS...

WHEN MOST 'CHROMES REPORT IN WITH 'CURIOUS' I'M LARGELY REASSURED. WHEN YOU SAY IT, NIGHTBEAT...I'M PLAIN WORRIED.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, **BLASTER**, CURIOUS PRETTY MUCH SUMS UP THE SITUATION HERE.

ONCE WE'D NAILED THE FIRST TWO A.E. TROOPERS, I FIGURED THE THIRD WOULD FIGHT ON REGARDLESS... TO THE **DEATH** IF NECESSARY. INSTEAD...

...IT'S GONE AND SHUT ITSELF DOWN.

MAKING THE FINAL MISSION OBJECTIVE STRAIGHTFORWARD, RIGHT?

RIGHT?

IN THEORY, SURE, I COULD JUST MOSLEY UP TO IT AND ATTACK PERCEPTOR'S **INHIBITOR CLAW**, THAT DONE, WE CAN SAFELY REMOVE THE TROOPER TO **IACON COMMAND** AND, AH, SEE WHAT MAKES IT TICK.

BUT?

IN MY EXPERIENCE IT'S **NEVER** THAT EASY.

YEAH...**YEAH**. IT'S YOUR CALL, NIGHTBEAT, BUT, WELL, WE'RE KIND OF COMMITTED HERE.

'ALL OR NOTHING,' EH? WAY I SEE IT...



...THAT'S JUST
ONE SMALL STUMBLE
FROM 'DO OR...



...DIE?

SUBATOMIC
HYPER-CACHE ACCESSED.
PROCESSOR UPGRADE
ENABLED.



DOWNLOADING TACTICAL
AUGMENTATIONS...



DONE.

ENGAGE
ENHANCED COMBAT
MODE...

GHRKK!



WHAT--



--DID
IT JUST
DO?

WHO CARES?
SHOOT IT, SHOOT
IT NOW!

NO! WHAT
ABOUT THE
MISSION?

WHAT ABOUT
NIGHTBEAT?!





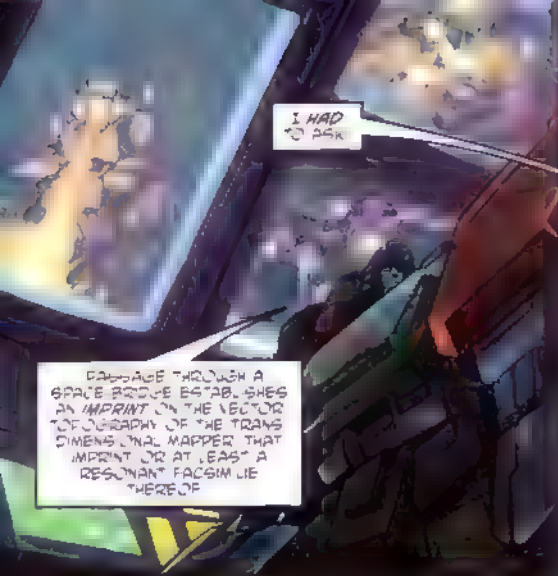


"I WAS ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT BOTH OPTIMUS PRIME AND MEGATRON PERISHED IN THE KAON SPACE BRIDGE DETONATION OF CYCLE 1100" BUT, OF COURSE, HE NOW KNOW MEGATRON SURVIVED

CLEARLY, CONTACT WITH A DESTINAT ON POINT WAS ESTABLISHED AN INSTANT BEFORE THE CONFLUENT ON, AND PASSAGE WAS ENABLED

OWAN BUT THE A MIGHTY BIG UNIVERSE OUT THERE PERCEPTOR HOW CAN YOU GO ABOUT TRACKING DOWN ONE WOLF BUT HE COULD BE ANYWHERE

AH, YOU SEE BOSS



I HAD
TO ASK

PASSAGE THROUGH A
SPACE BRIDGE ESTABLISHES
AN IMPRINT ON THE VECTOR
OF ORIGIN OF THE TRANS-
DIMENSIONAL MAPPER THAT
IMPRINT OR AT LEAST A
RESONANT FACSIMILE
THEREOF



IS CURRENTLY BEING
PUSHED FURTHER AND FURTHER
OUT FROM CYBERTRON ON A
WICKED, PARALLEL COURSE
THROUGH INFRASPACE



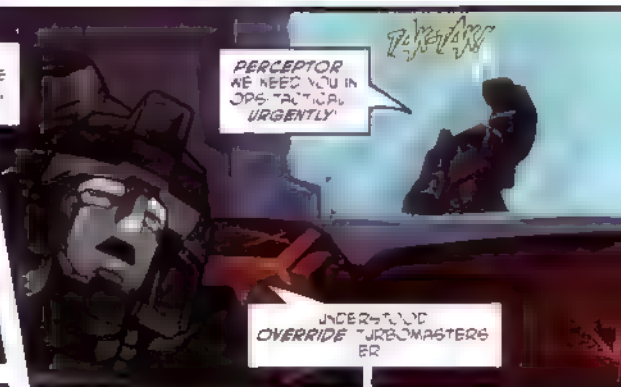
SOONER OR LATER
I WILL REACH A POINT OF
CORRELATION, WHEREUPON
A NEW PORTAL WILL OPEN
AND THAT, I BELIEVE

IS WHERE WE
WILL FIND OPTIMUS
PRIME



IF HE'S STILL
THERE AFTER ALL
THIS TIME IF HE'S
EVEN STILL ALIVE

WELL, YES BUT
GIVEN THE DIRE STATE
OF CURRENT AFFAIRS,
WE HAVE TO TRY

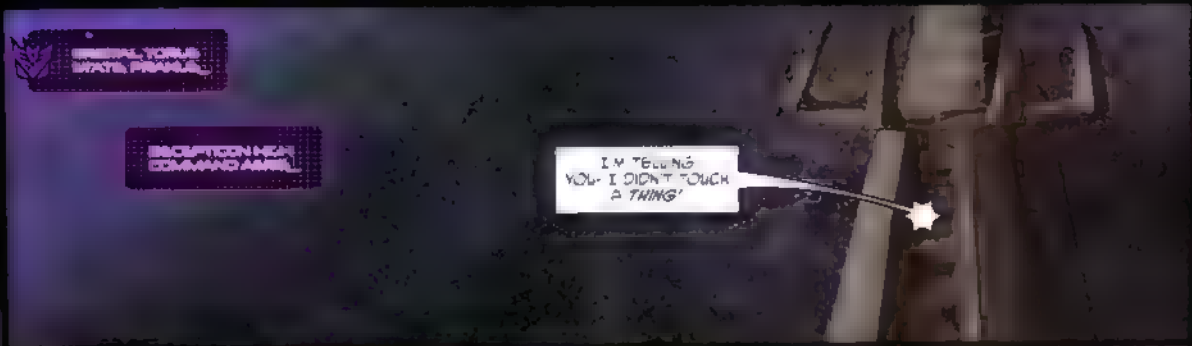


PERCEPTOR
WE NEED YOU IN
OPS TACTICAL
URGENTLY

UNDERSTOOD
OVERRIDE TURBOMASTERS
BR

TRY NOT TO
TOUCH ANYTHING





REMEMBER YOUR
MATE, PRINCE!

DISCUSSING THE
CLONING ENERGY MATRIX

I'M TELLING
YOU- I DIDN'T TOUCH
A THING!

JMF

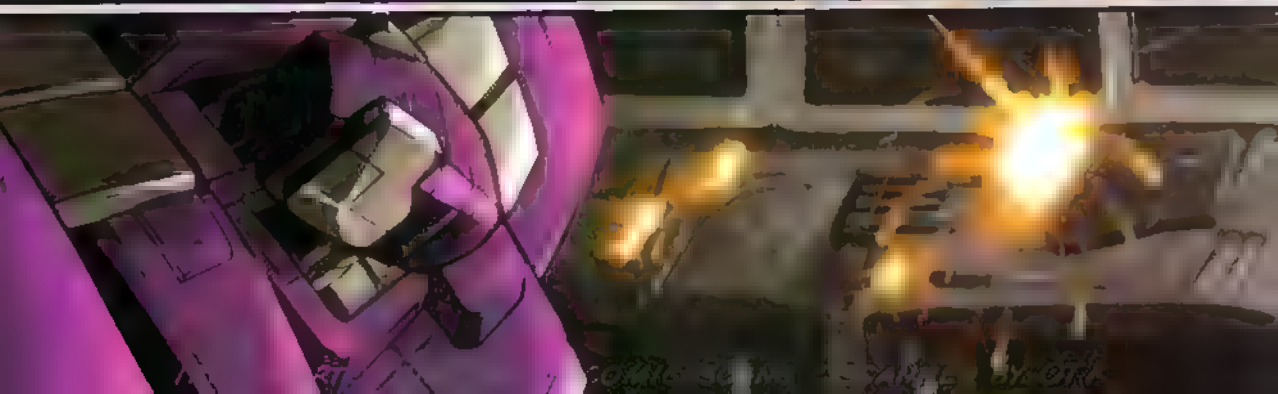
SO IN MY BRIEF
ABSENCE THIS *DELICATELY*
BALANCED APPARATUS, WHICH FOR
THE LAST 462 BREEMS HAS BEEN
RIGOROUSLY DRAWING, MEASURING
AND PROBING THE FRAGMENTS OF
THE CLONING ENERGY MATRIX
ITSELF, DECIDED TO
SIMPLY... *EXPLODE*

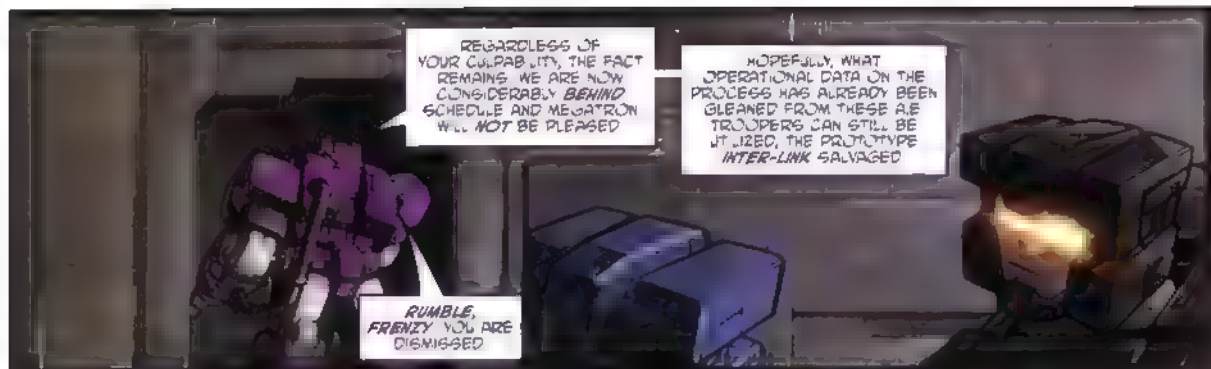
YEAH YEAH -
WAS EXACTLY LIKE
THAT SHOCKWAVE,
I SAID

ONE MOMENT,
T'S ALL QUIET ON THE
ANALYTICAL FRONT,
THE NEXT *MELTDOWN!*

WE WERE JUST KICKING
BACK, HEAD COUNTING
ABOUT CASUALTIES TO
DATE LIKE YOU GO... AND
KABOOM!

NEARLY
TOOK MY FREAKIN'
HEAD OFF!





REGARDLESS OF
YOUR CULPABILITY, THE FACT
REMAINS WE ARE NOW
CONSIDERABLY *BEHIND*
SCHEDULE AND MEGATRON
WILL NOT BE PLEASED

HOPEFULLY, WHAT
OPERATIONAL DATA ON THE
PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEEN
GLEANED FROM THESE ARE
TROOPERS CAN STILL BE
UTILIZED, THE PROTOTYPE
INTER-LINK SALVAGED

RUMBLE,
FRENZY YOU ARE
DISMISSED



THOUGHT MEG
HAD T THERE RUMBLE
MEGATRON WOULD'VE
TAKEN JS APART

SURE, RIGHT
PHH!

FOR SURE
NOW, WHERE *WERE*
WE? 'G, RIGHT?



RIGHT GALACTICA,
GERONIMO, GIZMO,
GLASNOST, GRIMLOC



HNF!

FFH!



GHTT!

JOYRIDE!

THAT'S A REAL
PRECISION BIT OF
WEAPONS HARDWARE YOU'VE
GOT THERE DRONE BUT
LET'S SEE HOW WELL
IT WORKS

HYPER-
STIMULATED

AND WHILE
YOU'RE DEALING
WITH THAT

HERE I-

NNNNRR

SIREN?

JUH...JOYRIDE I
CAN'T GET T TOGETHER
HERE WHATEVER T HIT
ME WITH, T SCRAMBLED
ALMOST EVERY TACTICAL
FACILITY

CAN YOU
TRANSFORM?

I THINK
SO

YEAH
BUT

I
CAN'T SEE
A THING

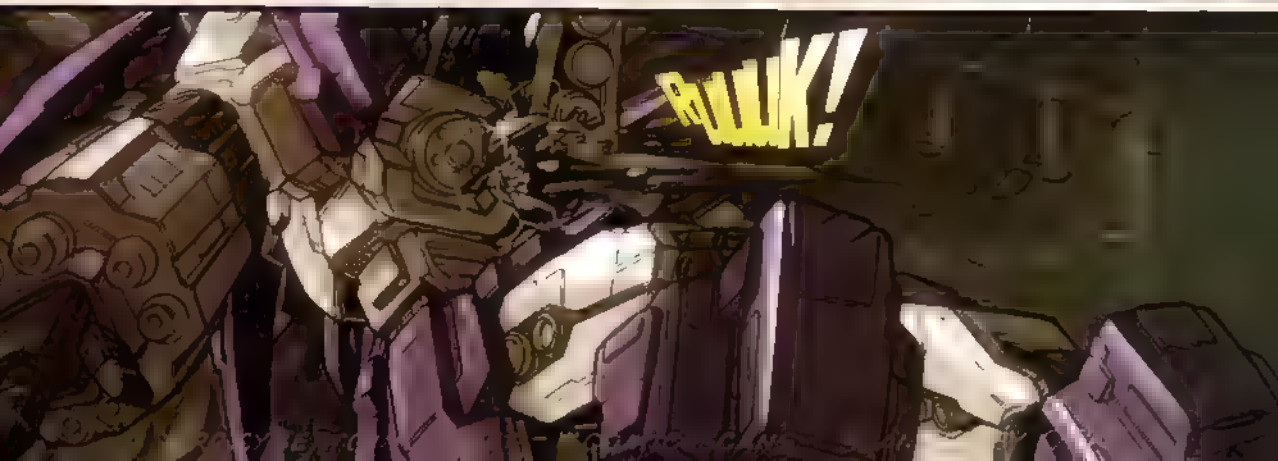
DON'T MATTER
POP YOUR PORT
ACCESS WATCH...

AND
STAY TIGHT
GOT IT?

G-GOT
IT

NOW...

...RAMMING
SPEED!





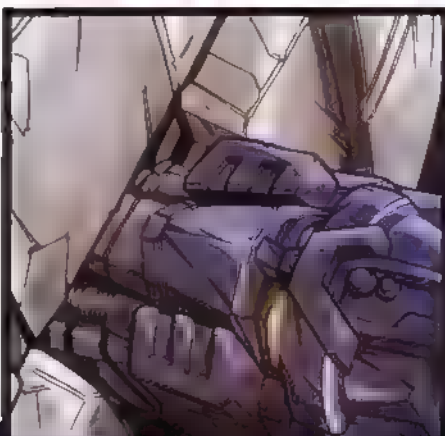


SELF-DIAGNOSTIC
RUNNING...

NOTHING AND
REPEATED



GUN? WHAT'S GOING
ON?



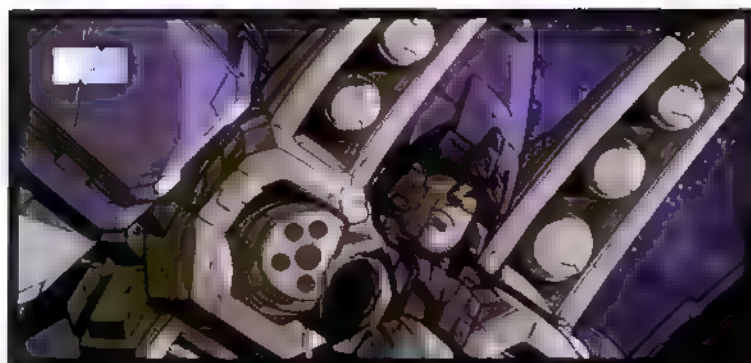
GREEN?
HOSEHEAD? JOYRIDE?
TALK TO ME!

NO!



LIQUIDATION IN
THREE, TWO

IS ANYONE
THERE?



YES.

IT'S
ME, SLAPDASH
GETAWAY

IT'S OVER. LOOK
ME A WHILE TO BRING
MY TERTIARY SYSTEMS
ONLINE AFTER THAT
"AS" BATTERING

BUT I
GOT THERE IN
"THE END"



I'M BOOSTING
SIGNAL STRENGTH TO
THE MAX, PERCEPTOR.
ANY JOY?

ALL SYSTEMS ARE
OPERATING AT OPTIMUM LEVEL,
BLASTER. THE PROBLEM MUST
BE ELSEWHERE. PERHAPS WE'RE
BEING JAMMED AT SOURCE.
ISOLATING THE INSERTION TEAM
JUST AS WE SOUGHT TO
ISOLATE THE TROOPER

IT CAN'T END
LIKE THIS. I CAN'T!
NOT NOW, JUST AS
WE'RE FINALLY READY
TO KICK BACK

ALL THIS. AND WE
GATHERING, PREPARING
AND WE FALL AT THE
FIRST HURDLE


CRICK.






BLASTER, DO
YOU READ ME?

GETAWAY! I
READ YOU, GOOD
BUDDY, LOUD AND
CLEAR STATUS?



BATTERED BUT
ESSENTIALLY INTACT
PACKAGE IS
DATASTAMPED AND
READY.

NIGHTBEAT, AS
YOU'D EXPECT, WAS SOME
THEORIES ABOUT THIS WHOLE
UNCOMFORTABLE INTERLUDE,
BUT THEY CAN WAIT UNTIL
WE'RE BACK.



TELL PERCEPTOR
TO GET HIS PROBES
READY. GETAWAY OUT.

YEE HAW!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU
I'D BE ALRIGHT,
PERCEPTOR? NEVER
DOUBTED 'EM FOR
A MOMENT!

MY WHILE I
SHARE SOME OF YOUR
ELATION, BLASTER, MIGHT
I REMIND YOU THAT THIS,
COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING

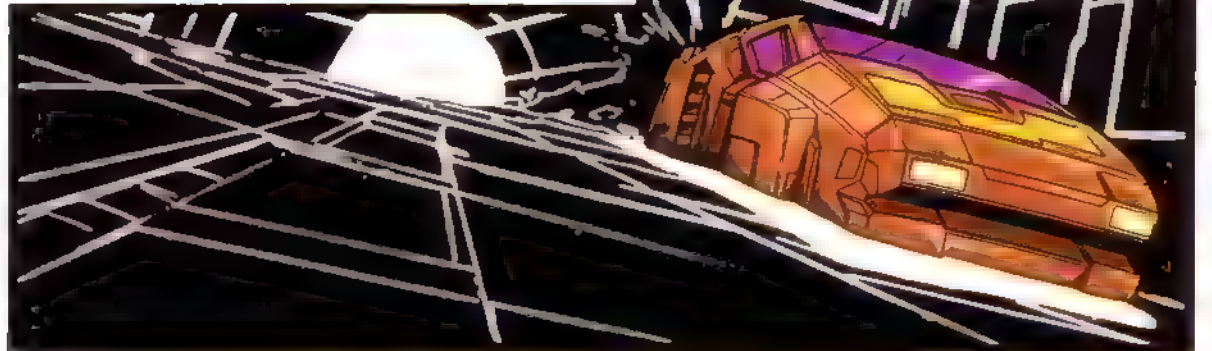
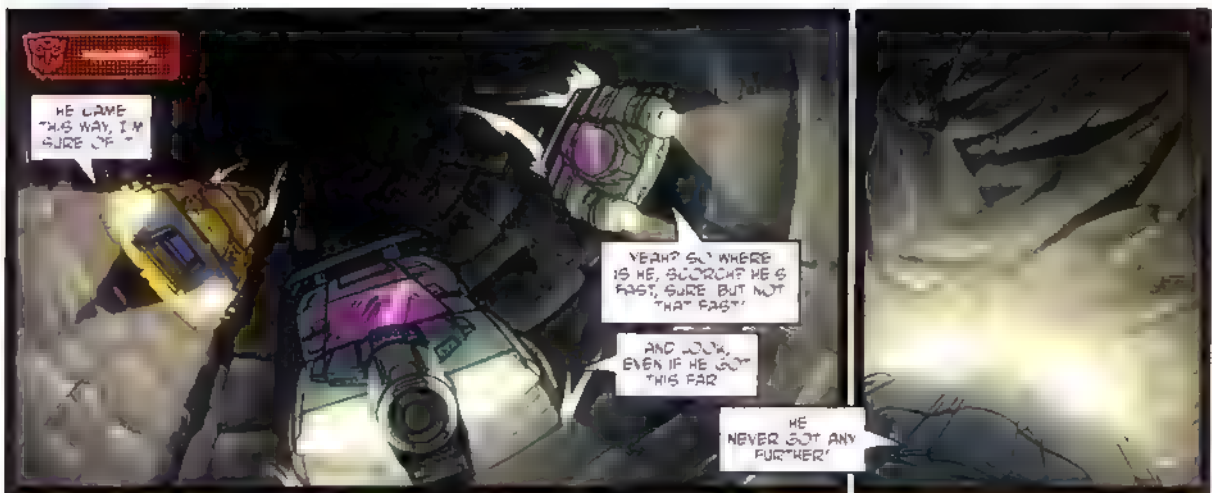


WAS
THE EASY
BIT

THE DESCENT
AND SUBSEQUENT
OBJECTIVE

ARE PLUS TIVELY
SUICIDAL.







HERE?



WINDMILL

DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Welcome back Transfans!

Plenty of good questions and eager eagle-eyed readers giving their two cents this month:

Hi Dreamwave,

After the third *War Within* will it become monthly ongoing?

Birmingham, AL

For now, *War Within* will remain an annual mini-series. By keeping it down to six issues a year, we can guarantee each volume is fresh and exciting. It's not just a thrill for the fans when the new volume is announced, but for all the creators and staff at DW too—it's our favorite "prequel" ever!

However, that being said, it's definitely tempting to consider making it an ongoing—there are a lot of Transformer stories waiting to be told.

Hi Dreamwave,

The sum of the various members of the factions listed above equals a grand total of 88 Transformers—compared to the 350 or more Transformers that are available in the Transformer Universe.

The Great War has been going on for a long, long time and I'm expected to believe that characters like Outback, Swerve and the aforementioned Bumper have just been sitting around playing cards the whole time?

I always liked the idea that the total planet was at war. It was a war you couldn't escape from no matter how hard you tried. But this concept of "rookies" being introduced in GI just takes away from the wealth of characters that can be used in *War Within*. If these guys are just spectators at this point in time, where are they and what are they doing?

I can go with the Mini-Spies not being directly included in the war, for they have been noted for being too small and weak to be able to withstand the physical pressures of direct combat. But to believe that a [for lack of a better term] full grown Transformer is merely munchin' on Energon cubes for several million years is very ridiculous.

Arthur Williams

This has been asked before: Why aren't more characters used? Why is so-and-so always there and not such-and-such? It's true there are lots of 'bots to play with and trust me, we're trying to give as many airtime as we can. Essentially, remember this—it's a big planet. The faction members aren't all in one place at one time.

Hello gang,

Given the characteristic of Grimlock in the present time/GI era and in the past from *WW Volume 1* and *Volume 2*, I find it a little bit unconvincing that Grimlock would sacrifice himself in order to save Magnus and preserve peace. This is so not like Grimlock, I can see if it's some other bots.

So, the question is, what did Magnus do in order to earn Grimlock's trust? Did he save Grimlock at one point? What's your speculation?

In *War and Peace*, we saw Magnus blast Grimlock to the face, but only to repair him back.

Well I hope Furman revealed some back story regarding these two. We know Grimlock doesn't like Prime much, but he's okay with Magnus.

Reminator

Grimmy has always been a noble warrior who would prefer to go down in a blaze of glory than to not fight at all. (Sounds like another famous dinosaur-bot in another TF series eh?) That Grimlock sacrificed himself is pretty much inline with any warrior's sense of honor.

Our fun-loving Brit, Mr. Simon Furman, had this to add: "Magnus made no-nonsense decisions, tactical and otherwise, over the course of many years of conflict. As Magnus himself says, he 'won the pumps and processors of even his sternest critics'."

Hi top bots,

I have been with Transformers since the beginning and have to say you guys are doing great stuff for the most part. *WW* is a fresh start to see some of my fave bots kicking off in brand-new (old) bodies.

But I do have a few questions. I have just a couple of complaints. Why shy away from beast-like forms when Cybertron has (in other continuities) all sorts of animals; the likes of the Predacons could simply be mysterious throwbacks—not to mention the fact that other worlds exist in TF mythology and it seems unlikely only Earth would possess "lions" in one form or another.

And what about Optimus Prime? It feels a bit cheap to simply make up excuses for him to be out of action, why not simply send him off on other adventures while we get to witness the adventures of different TFs rather than depict Cybertron falling apart in the absence of prime. Sure he's the bigbot, but he's only got two arms and six tires, he can't be everywhere at once. I also wanted to say, for future *WW* designs please consider the likes of Arcee and Punch/CounterPunch.

Here's hoping Magnus stops moaning.

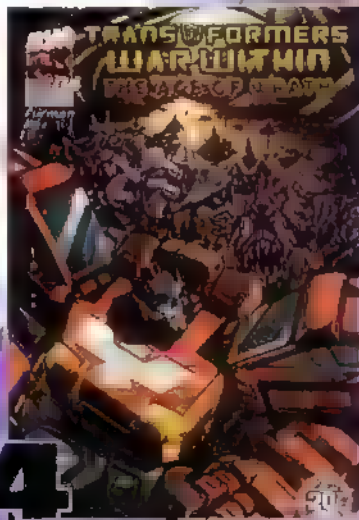
Robert

The key theme and interest point to *War Within* for readers and creators is a Cybertron that the Transformers have had no human/Earth influence yet. But that doesn't mean there are some animal-like alternate modes for some of the Transformers: Think about Ratbat, Ravage, and so on. Although they are not quite "Earth" animals, they are still beastly looking—but why? Well, that's not clear yet, so keep reading, Transfans...

As far as Op being out of the picture, the reasoning is exactly what you say: It gives the other characters chances to shine; which means we get to learn more about the origins of other key players in the world of Transformers.

MATT HANSEN

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#4
NEXT MONTH

Datara, realm of the vampires.
Lord Malagen's fortress.

When Lord Necro's a member of the ruling council
discovered the rumors that Lord Malagen's
supporters had abandoned him seemed true, the
Empire Lord wasted no time in moving his troops
to surround his most hated enemy's black fortress.



WARLANDS

MALAGEN'S CAMPAIGN

SPECIAL PREVIEW!!

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Illustration by Mike Raicht



YOUR CAPTAINS, GENERALS, EVEN YOUR ARMY HAVE DESERTED YOU, MALAGEN

YOU SIT ALONE IN YOUR BLACK FORTRESS. NONE WILL STAND IN YOUR DEFENSE



YOU KILLED MY BROTHER TO EARN YOUR SEAT ON THE COUNCIL, MALAGEN, AND FOR THAT YOU WILL DIE




IS THAT SO, NECROS?



WHAT IS THIS?



DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT MY LOYAL SUBJECTS WOULD EVER ABANDON ME?



AND DO YOU
REALLY THINK THAT
THESE SOLDIERS CAN
STOP ME?

HAHAHA

ARRGGH

ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE MYSELF, LORD
NECROS MY NAME IS TOK,
AND I HOPE THAT YOU ARE
NOT TOO FURIOUS AT BEING
CAPTURED BY MERE
SOLDIERS

IT IS
LORD
MALAGEN'S
FONDEST
WISH THAT
YOU HANG

IN THE CENTER
OF HIS FORTRESS
WRAPPED IN THOSE HOLY
CHAINS FORGED BY DWARVEN
SMITHS AND BLESSED BY
THE HIGH PRIESTESS
REBEKNAH

MY MASTER,
LORD MALAGEN, LEFT
STRICT INSTRUCTIONS
THAT YOU WERE NOT TO
BE KILLED ALTHOUGH
SOON YOU WILL WISH
THAT YOU WERE

HE WISHES TO
LISTEN TO YOUR TORTURED
SCREAMS FOR ALL ETERNITY

MAGE, SEND
WORD TO LORD
MALAGEN THAT NECROS
HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO
NEUTRALIZE HIS
SOLDIERS

Mortara, capital city of Datara.
The Council meeting of the great
Vampire Lords.

WHY DO
YOU SUMMON
THE COUNCIL,
MALAGEN?



BECAUSE
NECROS' SEAT OF
POWER IS NOW
VACANT.



NECROS HAS
OPENLY MADE HIS MOVE
AGAINST ME IN ORDER TO
AVENGE HIS BROTHER AND
HAS FAILED. NECROS IS
NOW MY PRISONER.

AAARGH



HIS SCREAMS ARE...
SWEET IN MY EARS,
LORD MALAGEN.

I NOMINATE
YOU TO NECROS'
SEAT OF POWER
SO THAT ONE OF THE
LESSER LORDS CAN
TAKE YOUR SEAT IN
THE COUNCIL.

I DECLINE.
I AM NOT WORTHY
TO RISE FROM MY HUMBLE
SEAT. I NOMINATE LADY
CRISMOANIA TO NECROS'
SEAT OF POWER.



I ACCEPT,
LORD MALAGEN.

IN RETURN,
I NOMINATE THAT
YOU REMAIN IN YOUR
SEAT IN ALL HUMILITY, AND
THAT MY SEAT REMAINS
VACANT UNTIL SUCH TIME
THAT YOU FEEL WORTHY
TO CLAIM IT AS
YOUR OWN.



LORD
MALAGEN THIS IS
NOT CUSTOMARY.
THE COUNCIL IS NOW
FOUR WHEN IT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN FIVE. IT IS NECESSARY
FOR YOU TO CLAIM LADY
CRISMOANIA'S SEAT OF
POWER SO THAT A NEW
MEMBER CAN BE CHOSEN
FROM THE LESSER LORDS
SO THAT BALANCE CAN BE
RESTORED WITHIN THE
COUNCIL. IS THIS
NOT SO, LORD
SLADMORTIS?



LORD MALAGEN REMAINS
AS HE WISHES.

You know that the balance has been disrupted yet for you to force me to move would be a sign of weakness. Yes, you fear me, I see it in your eyes, Sladmortis. My campaign for world conquest has begun and in the end all knees shall bow to Lord Malagen, the Khan.

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WARLANDS #1
MALAGAN'S CAMPAIGN

COMING JANUARY 2005!



UNLEASH THE BEAST! THE BEAST WARS BEGIN THIS JANUARY!

You asked for it, so you got it! Dreamwave is proud to announce a six-part series based on the popular toyline by Hasbro and successful television series by Mainframe Entertainment. The new title comes after the sellout of Dreamwave's incredible TRANSFORMERS Summer Special, when fans were asked which title they'd prefer to see in an upcoming mini-series: TRANSFORMERS BEAST WARS or TRANSFORMERS ROBOTS IN DISGUISE. BEAST WARS annihilated the competition, taking 80% of the vote!

The series, which takes place years after GENERATION ONE, follows the adventures of OPTIMUS PRIMAL and his MAXIMALS (descendants of the AUTOBOTS) versus MEGATRON and his PREDACONS (descendants of the DECEPTICONS). For such an exciting and pivotal series in the TRANSFORMERS comic continuity, Dreamwave turned to a star-studded cast of creators. Leading the charge are the TRANSFORMERS experts themselves, James McDonough and Adam Patyk. McDonough and Patyk are part of the amazing success of Dreamwave's GENERATION ONE and MICROMASTERS series, and are without a doubt the perfect writers to fill in the gaps of the BEAST WARS saga. Another well-known name will tackle the pencils: Don Figueroa. Figueroa, whose art has been attached to pretty much every Dreamwave TF title, is perfect for the job; he's quite possibly the biggest Transfan alive. When asked what it feels like to draw the characters that spearheaded the revival of TRANSFORMERS into the mainstream, Figueroa was philosophical as always.

"The first time I saw the series, I said, 'What is this new show?' They transform, the leaders had very familiar names and looked similar but I was so surprised to see animals as their alternate modes, not vehicles. But from the first episode I was hooked. This series was groundbreaking and it is amazing that we get to bring it to comic book form."

TRANSFORMERS BEAST WARS #1 will be hitting the shelves in January 2005 and will mark the beginning of a very special and exciting year for Dreamwave. From now until its New Year launch, Dreamwave will be celebrating the long awaited arrival of BEAST WARS, so keep checking www.DreamwaveProd.com for more info!



NOVEMBER NECESSITIES:

**KILLZONE
 #1**

**TRANSFORMERS
 20th ANNIVERSARY
 MEGALITHO**

**TF ENERGON
 #29**

**TF ENERGON VOL.2
 POCKET BOOK**

**TF G1: MORE THAN
 MEETS THE EYE
 VOL.2 TPB**

**TF GENERATION ONE
 #11**

**TF/GIJOE
 "DIVIDED FRONT"
 #2 of 6**

**TF/GIJOE VOL.1
 POCKET BOOK**

**TF WAR WITHIN
 "THE AGE OF WRAITH"
 #3 of 6**

FROM THE DESK OF ERNST DABEL

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Atlanta, Georgia

CURRENT/UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Writer: Warlands, New Spring (The Wheel of Time)

NUMBER OF FANTASY NOVELS YOU READ:

Over 300

FINNIEST DREAMWAVE MOMENT:

First time that I met Pat Lee after having harassed him by email for over a year!

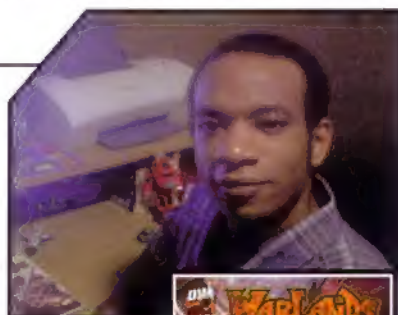
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First of all, I want to say that I'm extremely honored to have been given the opportunity to write Warlands. It is something that I take very seriously, and I feel a great sense of responsibility to show a side of Warlands that fans have never seen before. To me, eating, drinking, and sleeping all take the backseat to this project—it is that important to me. So before you read through an issue, I want you to first get your chocolate chip cookies and a glass of milk and put it somewhere close as you might end up lost somewhere in the world of Warlands.

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